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In the application of:

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TREATING VIRAL INFECTIONS USING
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POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: J. Voitach

Group Art Unit: 1632

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.